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				First Named Inventor	Mark A. Flannery
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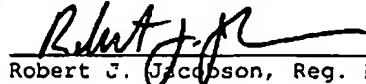
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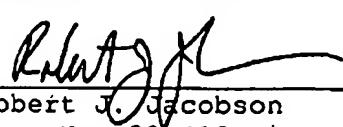
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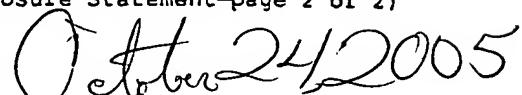
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Additional references

PTO-1449 form number "2 of 2" lists a reference identified in the Office Action dated September 13, 2005 of U.S. Patent Application Number 11/157,723 (a divisional of the parent case

10/652,296). This reference, the Hannaberg U.S. Patent No. 3,474,473, is being transmitted herewith.

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